2013 Montana Government IT Conference

Project Management Sessions

Wednesday December 11, 2013

Project Management: "Everything's a Project"

Presenters: **Ben Snyder, Systemation**

We often think the culprit to poor project results is a lack of technical knowledge and skill in project management and business analysis. While this is a contributor, it is not necessarily the only one nor even the main one. An organization's project environment can significantly neutralize even the best efforts to bring a project in on time and budget as well as identifying and delivering on scope. Additionally, since all projects involve people, projects managers and business analyst have to be highly skilled at engaging and communicating with people. Shortcomings in these areas guarantee lackluster efforts and overall confusion.

Project Management: "The Value of Project Management"

Presenter: **Panel Discussion Facilitated by Greg Schneider**

Managers from different agencies will provide background about their agency's project management culture, such as: how project managers are selected to work on projects, whether they are used on all projects, how agencies determine project success, and the future on project management in the agency.

Project Management: "Interactive Techniques for Lessons Learned"

Presenter: **Miranda Keaster, Project Manager, SITSD**

Lessons learned provide valuable insight into what it takes to make projects succeed. This presentation will demonstrate engaging techniques to gather lessons from project team members. It will step you through this process, provide tips and tricks, and share how to generate a report with the information gathered.

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Project Management: "Getting CIOs and Business Leaders on the Same Page"

Presenter: **Jerry Mechling, Gartner**

Attendees learn why CIOs and agency business leaders are often not on the same page, why this is arguably the most important problem facing CIOs for the next five years, and what has been proven effective in building solutions. Attendees leave with top priorities for action.

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Project Management: "Business Process Improvement / Reengineering: High Performance Work Systems and Strategic Information Technologies"

Presenter: **Dave Nagel, DEQ and Roy Hernandez, ThirdWave**

DEQ is working on several IT projects. These projects initiated the need for reviewing business processes and the mapping and developing requirements for (1) business process improvement and (2) new IT solutions. After reviewing a number of options, DEQ tried two different methods. This presentation will outline some of the pros and cons of each method.

Project Management: "Matching Business Requirements with Technology Decisions"

Presenter: **Jennifer McNeill, Senior Manager, Oracle Corporation's Public Sector Team**

For many years, our IT decisions have been made based on definitions provided by IT departments and end users. Although those decisions were often important to ensure IT was operational, they didn't always meet the business requirements to allow the organization to provide services to constituents and function efficiently. This session will review ways to make technology decisions based on business requirements both now, and in the future. Participants will learn the value of defining these requirements before starting projects and how to ensure that software purchased actually makes sense and can be implemented successfully.

Project Management: "The Business Architecture and Process Duet"

Presenter: **Dan Drislane, Frontier Strategies, Inc.**

Business architecture and business processes are the silent partners in peak-performing organizations. Becoming architecture- and process-centric can help organizations boost quality, efficiency and productivity. This presentation gives an overview of business architecture and business process improvement. It discusses why organizations should focus on these two important areas before making organizational changes or making new technology decisions.